

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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The Foghorn

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Future Course Headings...

- **Friday, November 15, 2019, 7:00 PM:** Ah, I hope we have all come back from our travels finally! With this next meeting at the **Los Altos Public Library at 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos**, Jim Rhetta will again treat us to another of his great maritime history summaries. We will also have our pre-meeting dinner at **Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant** at the corner of **El Camino Real and San Antonio Rd.** starting at **5:30 PM**. If you want to join us, please let us know at lum40@comcast.net so reservations can be made.

Also, George Sloup and Ken Lum will report on what they saw and learned from the **Nautical Research Guild** meeting in **New Bedford, MA**.



½ scale model of the whaler, *Lagoda*, in the **New Bedford Whaling Museum**

It was definitely a fabulously worthwhile trip to a wonderful place that neither of us had ever been to before containing many exotic artifacts to see and learn from.

Finally, bring whatever you are currently working on to show and tell. We missed the inspiration last month from seeing the great work our members are doing due to our cancelled October meeting.

- **Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6:30 PM:** Date and time of our annual **SBMS Annual Holiday Party**. We will again return to the **Duke of Edinburgh Pub** at **10801 N. Wolfe Road, Cupertino, CA** to enjoy their excellent menu and selection of beer.

However, I understand that our last year's experience was very noisy compared to the previous year when we were in an ornate, back, private room which was much quieter. For that reason, I have already prevailed on the proprietor to specifically give us the old back room, called the "**Duke's Room**", and let's see how it goes this year. Just hope no one comes in and sets off a 12 pounder to get some attention!

- **Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9 AM-5 PM:**

The **International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS)/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers 7th Annual Silicon Valley Classic** scale modeling convention will be held on this day at **Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expwy, San Jose, CA**. We have had exhibitions there annually over the last several years in conjunction with **Ages of Sail** and always had great fun. Here are a couple of pictures from the last convention this spring.



Clare Hess staffing the **Ages of Sail** table Various WW 2 ship models on display

Our table will need volunteers to staff it all day, and we can set up an informal shift schedule to have at least one person on duty to promote our hobby. **And impressment is not even necessary!** More on this as we get nearer the date.



Maritime Matters of the Month

•Display of Club Ship Models at the St. Francis Yacht Club, SF.-Jim Rhetta

Walt met with folks from the **St Francis Yacht Club** about having them display or buy our models. This will take some time as their new club house is under construction with many decisions to be made. At this time we should just assemble photos and descriptions of our models that are available. They are interested in what is available for their members to purchase and to display. If you have a model that needs to be photographed for this effort in front of a blue screen, bring it to the meeting.

•Unfinished Ship Models Available to Give Away.-Jim Rhetta

We have been notified by **Kevin Flaherty** that he has **four partially completed models to give away.** He is planning to move to Europe next year and is offering them to the club. I invited him to bring them to the meeting so members can look them over and select what appeals to them. He has the following:

<p>Panart Armed Launch (1:16) Bulkheads and backbone assembled, small amount of the innermost layer of planking installed</p>	
<p>Mamoli HMS Victory (1:90) Basic hull planked, coppered (scored copper tape) bottom, alternative woods for exterior planking and decking, gunports marked but not sized</p>	
<p>Artesania Latina Swift (1:50) Hull and deck furniture mostly complete, alternative woods, bamboo treenails</p>	
<p>Aeropiccola Lexington (Scale ??) Hull completed for display with alternate woods, includes a "frameless" glass display case 36"L 12"H 10.5"D</p>	

Kit boxes with parts and plans come with all models.



The 2019 Nautical Research Guild Conference

George Sloup and Ken Lum attended this year's **NRG Conference** held in Massachusetts at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum**. We also toured the museums at the **Naval War College** in Newport, RI and the **Herreshoff Marine Museum** in Bristol, RI. People can read about these fabulous places on the web. Instead, I present a series of photos of some of the ship models and other exhibits we saw in these museums for everyone's inspiration. We will see more at our club meeting.

Herreshoff Marine Museum



Defiant, 1992 America's Cup Contender



Yacht models in the museum

Naval War College



Sloop ***Providence*** of Rhode Island Navy
1775



Duc de Bourgogne, part of French
Chesapeake Bay blockade of 1781



American Baltimore Clipper



Yacht **America** as during American Civil War



USS Cushing, first US Navy torpedo boat 1890



American WW 2 submarine

New Bedford Whaling Museum



Yankee Whaleboat



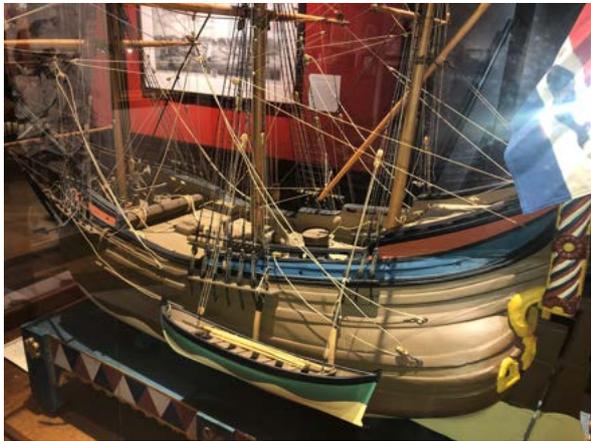
Kate Cory model by Erik Ronnberg, Jr. Sunk 1863 by **CSS Alabama**.



Highly ornate Japanese **Seko-bune**
Taiji whaleboat



Chinese Junk



Dutch whaling Fluyt



Inuit hunting kayak

NRG member's models



HMS Sussex, 1693 1/16"= 1 ft. scale
by Gus Augustin of IL



HMS Rose by Ron Neilson of CT



Ship Model Clubs in the Bay Area

Astonishingly enough, there are no less than 5 ship model clubs in the Bay Area stretching from Los Altos in the South Bay to Rohnert Park in the north. Here is the list of them for those who would like to travel around and sample their offerings. List is courtesy of Clare Hess.

•**South Bay Model Shipwrights** – contact Jim Rhetta, jmrhetta@aol.com.

Meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Friday (check the website for the schedule as it sometimes has to be on a different Friday) of every month at the **Los Altos Public Library at 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos**. Website is:

<http://www.sbmodelships.com>

•**Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights** – contact Leo Kane,

kanebulota@comcast.net. Meets 9:30am on the 3rd Saturday of every month aboard the Ferry Boat *Eureka* in the **San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park**. Website is: <http://hspms.wordpress.com>

•**San Francisco Model Yacht Club** – contact Colleen Stobbe,

commodore@sfmvc.org. Meets at 11am on the second Saturdays of most months at the **Spreckles Lake Boat House in Golden Gate Park**. Emphasis is on radio control models of all kinds. The club holds frequent sailing regattas on Spreckles Lake. Check their calendar for the schedule of events. This is the oldest of such clubs in the Bay Area having been founded in 1898. Website is: <https://www.sfmvc.org/index.php>

•**Red Oak Victory Model Shipwrights** Meets at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of every month in the Petty Officers Mess aboard the **Red Oak Victory at Pt. Richmond, 1337 Canal Blvd, Richmond, CA 94804**

•**Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights** – contact Randy Smith, redoakboat@aol.com. Meets at 10:00 am on the first Saturday at the Fundemonium store in Rohnert Park. The address and telephone is:

579 Rohnert Park Expy W Expressway Center

Rohnert Park, CA 94928

(707) 800-4060



Bay Area Hobby Shops

Here is a list of Peninsula, East Bay, and South Bay hobby shops with supplies relevant to ship modelers. There are other area hobby shops listed on the web, but they are not relevant to ship modelers.

<p>Ages of Sail 676 Bockman Road , Unit B & C San Lorenzo, CA 94580 Phone:(510) 889-6000 Website: https://www.agesofsail.com Primarily wooden and resin ship kits. Outstanding resource for this area. <u>SBMS members are eligible for a 10% discount on all purchases.</u></p>	<p>Hobbies Unlimited 937 Manor Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94579 Phone: (510)351-7112 Website: http://www.hobbiesunlimited.net Outstanding selection of plastic steel navy kits. Great complement to Ages of Sail which is only a short distance away.</p>
<p>The Hobby Co. of San Francisco 5150 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94118 Phone: (415) 386-2802 Website: http://www.hobbycosf.com</p>	<p>Sheldon's Hobby Shop 2130 Trade Zone Blvd. San Jose, CA 95131 Phone: (408) 946-3801 Website: https://sheldons hobbies.com</p>
<p>Talbot's Toyland 445 S. B St. San Mateo, CA 94401 Phone: (650) 931-8100 Website: http://www.talbotstoyland.com</p>	<p>Michaels Website: https://www.michaels.com A chain of general crafts stores with many branches throughout the Bay Area. Great source for scale wood, paints, and tools.</p>
<p>J & M Hobby House 1660 Laurel St. San Carlos, CA 94070 Phone: (650) 593-5019 Cute little hobby shop with a good selection of tools, wood, paints, and a comprehensive selection of Model Shipways kits and fittings.</p>	



Club Ship Model Fittings Library

The club now has a substantial slop chest library of kit fittings acquired from the estates of members and other ship model builders who have passed away or retired due to disability. It is all now in the possession of our president, **Jim Rhetta** (jmrhetta@aol.com) and is available to members in need of fittings for their projects. This library will be brought to meetings for us to pick over. They include a variety of blocks, deadeyes, pins, chains, belaying pins, rudder hinges, rings, guns in various sizes and more. We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this library.



Traveling this Year?

Add these museums to your travel plans either locally or elsewhere if you can.

Bay Area:

- San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park: <http://www.nps.gov/safr/index.htm>
- San Mateo County History Museum (home of Charlie Parsons exhibit, Redwood City): <http://historysmc.org>
- Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum: <http://www.vallejomuseum.org>
- Mare Island Museum (Vallejo): <http://www.mareislandmuseum.org>
- SS *Jeremiah O'Brien* (San Francisco): <http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org>
- USS *Pampanito* (San Francisco): <https://maritime.org/uss-pampanito/>
- SS *Red Oak Victory* (Richmond): <http://richmondmuseum.org/ss-red-oak-victory/>
- USS *Hornet* (Alameda): <https://www.uss-hornet.org> -By far the largest museum ship on the Bay

Elsewhere in US:

- Channel Islands Maritime Museum (Oxnard, CA): www.cimmvc.org
- Los Angeles Maritime Museum: <http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org>
- San Diego Maritime Museum: <http://sdmaritime.org/>
- SS *Lane Victory* (San Pedro, CA): www.lanevictory.org/
- USS *Texas* (LaPorte, TX):

<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas>

- **USS Alabama** (Mobile, AL): www.ussalabama.com/
- **USS Constitution** (Boston, MA): www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/
- **USS Constellation** (Baltimore, MD): www.historicships.org/constellation.html
- **The Hart Nautical Gallery, MIT, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA**
<https://mitmuseum.mit.edu/installation-or-collaboration/hart-nautical-gallery>
- **New Bedford Whaling Museum (New Bedford, MA):**
<https://www.whalingmuseum.org>
- **South Street Seaport (New York, NY):** <https://southstreetseaportmuseum.org>
- **National Museum of American History (Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.):**
<https://www.si.edu/museums/american-history-museum>
- **National Museum of the U.S. Navy (Washington, D.C.):**
<https://www.history.navy.mil>
- **US Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD):**
<https://www.usna.edu/Museum/index.php>
- **Mariners Museum of VA (Newport News, VA):** www.marinersmuseum.org/
- **Steamboat *Bertrand* (DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri Valley, IA):**
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/wildlife_and_habitat/steamboat_bertrand.html

Outside US:

- **Vancouver Maritime Museum (Vancouver, BC, Canada):**
<https://www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com>
- **Royal Museums Greenwich (Greenwich, UK. Includes National Maritime Museum):** <https://collections.rmg.co.uk>
- **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard | Royal Navy Museum (Portsmouth, UK):**
<https://www.historicdockyard.co.uk/index.php>
- **Titanic Belfast (Belfast, N. Ireland):** <https://titanicbelfast.com>
- **National Maritime Museum in Amsterdam (Netherlands):**
<https://www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.com>
- **Maritime Museum in Rotterdam (Netherlands):**
<https://www.maritiemmuseum.nl/en>
- **Musée national de la Marine (National Navy Museum) (Paris, France):**
https://web.archive.org/web/20130101102816/http://www.musee-marine.fr/version_uk.html
- **Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum (Bremerhaven, Germany):**
<https://www.dsm.museum>



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2019 Meeting Dates

Third Friday of each month. Please note changes in the meeting schedule each month. The club does its best to schedule the 3rd Friday, but library priorities and competition for the conference room may require meeting dates to be rescheduled!!!

**Los Altos Public Library
13 S. San Antonio Road
Los Altos at 7:00pm**

November 15, 2019
***December 18, 2019, 6:30**
PM-Holiday Party
January 17, 2020

These dates are confirmed by the Los Altos Library. * Indicates date change



2019 Annual Club Membership

Send in your 2019 Club Membership with attached renewal form! Submit a \$20 check made out to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7th Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. Welcome Aboard!

2019 Membership Form

Make check out for annual membership of \$20.00 to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7th Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063

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Address

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Email address _____

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